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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN REQUEST FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO BOROBUDUR
RESTORATION

SUMMARY: GOI HAS ASKED FOR USG CONTRIBUTION TO BOROBUDUR RESTORA-
TION BEFORE JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH I AM WELL
AWARE OF PROBABLE IMPOSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL CONTRIBUTION,
I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD CHECK ON POSSIBILI-
TY OF ACCELERATING ASIA SOCIETY FUND RAISING EFFORT
ALREADY UNDER WAY AND CONSIDER ANY WAY WE CAN MAKE SOME
TIMELY CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS OF MAJOR
IMPORTANCE BOTH TO NATIONAL PRIDE AND TO PROFITABLE
TOURISM. END SUMMARY.

1. DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FOREIGN
DEPARTMENT, ABDULLAH KAMIL, REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH
ME TODAY (MARCH 9 DURING WHICH HE DELIVERED GOI WRITTEN
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EQUEST FOR USG CONTRIBUTION TO RESTORATION OF RENOWNED BUDDHIST TEMPLE, BOROBUDUR. (TEXT BEING POUCHED). KAMIL EXPLAINED THAT OF TOTAL \$7.75 MILLION REQUIRED, GOI HAS PLEDGED 2.75 MILLION, UNESCO (WHICH IS IN CHARGE OF RESTORATION) HAS UNDERTAKEN TO RAISE THE REST. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, UNESCO HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO RAISE \$3 MILLION WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE JUNE 30 IF WORK IS TO BEGIN ON SCHEDULE, I. E. BY AUGUST 10. GOI IS THEREFORE ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM USG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS BEFORE JUNE 30.

2. ACCORDING TO KAMIL, OFFICIAL PLEDGES OR CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY MADE ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS: JAPAN, \$600,000 FROM GOJ (PLUS \$1,200,000 PLEDGED FROM PRIVATE SECOTR); NETHERLANDS, \$155,000 (PLUS \$160,000 PRIVATE); FRANCE, \$45,000; BELGIUM \$20,000 AND AUSTRALIA \$200,000.

3. KAMIL SAID THAT GOI AWARE OF ASIA SOCIETY COMMITMENT TO TRY TO RAISE \$500,000. HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SJARIF THAJEB HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONTRACT SOCIETY TO CHECK ON STATUS OF THIS EFFORT BUT THIS FAR NO ANSWER RECEIVED.

4. I NOTED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY USG COULD MAKE DIRECT OFFICIAL COMMITMENT GIVEN PRESENT BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY SHORT LEAD TIME. I SAID THAT WE WERE WELL AWARE NOT ONLY OF GREAT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BOROBUDUR BUT ALSO OF ITS IMPORTANCE AS KEY TOURIST ATTRACTION OF CENTRAL JAVA, AND WE WERE THEREFOR ANXIOUS TO HELP IF A WAY COULD BE FOUND. I SAID WE WOULD BE WILLING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF AID FOOD FOR WORK CONTRIBUTION TO THIS LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED INCLUDING FACT THAT BOROBUDUR IS NOT LOCATED IN A FOOD DEFICIT AREA.

5. I STRESSED TO KAMIL THAT THE MAJOR POTENTIAL FOR US PARTICIPATION LIES IN THE PRIVATE AND FOUNDATION SECTORS. IN THIS CONNECTION I POINTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE INDONESIAN COULD DISPLAY GREATER EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE FUND RAISING AT HOME, PREFERABLY HEADED BY SOME PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS. (ALTHOUGH I DID NOT MENTION NAMES, IBNU SUTOWO OR MRS SUHARTO WOULD OF COURSE BE AMONG THE MOST OBVIOUS CANDIDATES.) I POINTED OUT THAT ONCE SUCH AN EFFORT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZED, IT COULD FACILITATE CONTACT WITH PRIVATE U. S.

FUND RAISERS, AND PERHAPS ALSO WITH U. S. FIRMS OPERATING
HERE WITH WHOM SENIOR INDONESIANS HAVE EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE FACT THAT INDONESIAN SELF- HELP EFFORTS
ON BOROBUDUR HAVE NOT YET BEEN ALL THAT THEY COULD BE, I
FEEL THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THAT THE
US DOES PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS
TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE TO INDONESIA' S SENSE OF PRIDE AND
NATIONAL IDENTITY, AND BECAUSE OF ITS POTENTIAL AS LONG-
TERM EARNER OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE VIA TOURISM. I WOULD SUGGEST
THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT PHILLIPS TABOT OF ASIA SOCIETY
AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT ASIA SOCIETY FUND RAISING
CAN BE ACCELERATED TO PRODUCE SOME RESULTS BEFORE JUNE 30
DEADLINE. AT THIS END, WE SHALL LOOK INTO FOOD FOR WORK
POSSIBILITY. FINALLY, ANY IDEAS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE AS
TO OTHER POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP WOULD BE
WELCOME.

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